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## FIGHT R. R. PLANS FOR BIG YARDS

Woodmont Residents, Fearing Noisy Switch Engines Will Disturb Their Nightly Rest, Will Appear Before P. U. Board to Oppose Proposition.

Railroad Engineers and Lawyers Tell Board That Location of Classification Yards in Connecticut Is Imperative—File Maps of Project.

Hartford, Jan. 19.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad appeared before the public utility commission today to explain and ask approval of a plan under which it is proposed to lay out a freight classification yard for southern New England in Woodmont, town of Milford. The yard would be 3.9 miles long, 700 feet wide, covering 465 acres and would extend from the West End reservoir in Orange to Indian river in Milford.

Many Milford citizens, presumably remonstrants, were at the hearing while summer colonists of Woodmont, who had worried over the prospects of their sleep being disturbed by switching engines, were represented by counsel. It is understood that other remonstrants will later claim that the road's finances do not warrant the expenditure necessary for this yard.

Vice President E. J. Pearson of the road in an explanation of the plan, said the yard would be laid out on the gravity principle, with a grade estimated at 2 1/2 per cent. in 100 feet, cars to be shifted from a pivotal point, so doing away with all but a few switching engines. He even thought that two engines would be sufficient to do the cutting off and making up of cars into trains. The trucking capacity of the yard would be 11,000 cars. The monthly number to be handled would be 16,000. Mr. Pearson explained the necessity of a classification yard for southern New England, which, he said, was necessary because of the enormous volume of freight handled through the Harlem River gateway.

In answer to questions by Benjamin Spock, the road's counsel, Mr. Pearson went into details of the freight traffic as handled on the main line between Harlem River and New Haven.

To Mr. Higgins of the commission Mr. Pearson explained that trains by the way of Maybrook would not go to Woodmont for classification. This yard would give great relief to existing congestion and additional help would come through a smaller yard in Providence.

To Mr. Danaher of Meriden Mr. Pearson said that it was absolutely essential to locate the yard at this place. Studies of a yard at Devon had been made but that locality could not be developed to give a classification yard of sufficient size.

I. D. Waterman, who had charge of the road's plans and specifications, was explaining in detail the various blue prints, especially as to the elimination of roads in Milford, when recess was taken.

## PHYSICIAN GETS BACK RING LOST TWO YEARS AGO

Dr. Stevens' Trinket Pawned in New York by Resident of Bridgeport.

Dr. Frank W. Stevens, president of the health board, two years lost a heavy band gold ring, on the inside of which his name and a Latin phrase was inscribed. He did not know whether it was stolen or mislaid, and asked the police to recover it for him. Capt. E. O. Cronan this morning received the ring from New York where it had been pawned by a Bridgeport resident. The police state that the latter gave his right name when he obtained money on it and probably found it although they will question him if he can be located.

WOOLEN MILL STRIKE ENDS.

Old Mystic, Jan. 19.—Employees of the Mystic Woolen Co. who struck on Jan. 4 for a nine instead of a 10 hour day resumed work today under old conditions.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: Fair tonight and probably Saturday; somewhat colder to night; west winds.

## CAPITAL PLANS FINAL TRIBUTE TO NAVAL HERO

Official Washington To Be Represented at Funeral of Admiral Dewey.

MIDSHIPMEN FORM ESCORT OF HONOR

In Compliance With Admiral's Request Will March as His Friends.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The order of services for the funeral of Admiral Dewey, tomorrow at the capitol was announced today by the committees of the house and senate having charge of the arrangements as follows:

"The capitol will be closed on the morning of the 20th of January to all except members and officers of the senate and house of representatives and remain closed until after the cortege has left the capitol.

"At 10 o'clock the lower doors under the arches beneath the marble steps of the senate and house wings of the capitol will be opened to those to whom invitations have been extended under the resolution of congress and to those holding tickets of admission.

"The services will begin at 11 a. m. Saturday.

"The body of the late Admiral Dewey will be placed in the rotunda prior to the beginning of the service.

"The president of the United States and his cabinet, the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court, the diplomatic corps, the members of the senate and house of representatives, the chief of staff of the army and navy, and the chief of staff of the navy will occupy the seats assigned to them.

"The president and his cabinet will meet in the president's room.

"The supreme court will meet in the supreme court room.

"The diplomatic corps and the chief of staff of the army will meet in the senate reception room.

"The committee on arrangements will meet in the room of the committee on naval affairs of the house.

"After all invited to attend have been announced, Chaplain J. B. Fraser, U. S. N., will conduct the religious services.

Orders for the placing at half-mast of flags on all post offices throughout the nation in honor of Admiral Dewey were issued today by Postmaster General Burleson, who directed flags to remain at half-mast until after the funeral on Saturday, and that the post office department be closed all that day.

In announcing other details of arrangements today, Secretary Daniels said the midshipmen from Annapolis would form the only escort for the body when it was removed from the Dewey home to the capitol. The officers in charge of the ceremonies decided to exclude the other military organizations from attendance at the home in deference to the admiral's wish, namely, to have his funeral at home.

"The admiral also said at that time," the secretary said, "that he wanted the midshipmen to come as his friends and not under orders. His wish will be respected."

The other military organizations will be stationed at the capitol and after the services they will form the larger escort to accompany the cortege to Arlington cemetery.

The president and Mrs. Wilson will attend the private services at the home.

## BOY SEVERELY INJURED WHEN AUTO HITS HIM

Railroad Avenue Lad, on Way to School, Run Down By Bakery Car.

As a result of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile, at State street and Howard avenue at 8:30 o'clock, this morning, Charles Giles, five years old of 1110 Railroad avenue, is in a serious condition at St. Vincent's hospital. He is suffering from a possible fracture of the skull, a fractured nose and both of his lips are severely torn.

According to the police, who obtained witnesses' versions of the accident, an automobile, owned by the Adams-Roth Bakery Co., was proceeding east in State street, driven by John Heckler of 77 Cherry street.

The Giles boy, who was on his way to school suddenly ran from the sidewalk into the street.

He stepped directly in front of the auto. Heckler, who was not driving at a fast rate of speed, made every effort to stop his machine and turn out of the boy's path. He was unable to avert hitting the lad, however. The boy was taken by a jitney driver to the emergency hospital and treated by Dr. S. I. Aranki, who ordered his immediate removal to the St. Vincent's hospital.

RELEASE MAP MAKER

The police yesterday afternoon learned that Otto Barthel, who created a furor of excitement at the Remington Arms plant yesterday, by transferring plans of the works to a map, and was brought to police headquarters by Detective Fred Feeley, had been engaged by the G. M. Hopkins Co., of Philadelphia, to make a map of this city. He was immediately released by Captain E. O. Cronan.

## TRAINMEN WANT JOINT BOARD TO SOLVE DISPUTES

W. G. Lee, Brotherhood Chief, Offers Substitute For Adamson Bill.

FOUR GREAT UNIONS WILL BACK PROJECT

Expect No Deadlocks, Despite Equal Representation of Men and Lines.

Washington, Jan. 19.—W. G. Lee, heads of the trainmen's brotherhood, today presented a substitute plan for President Wilson's railroad legislation to the commerce commission of the house.

A board of eight, equally divided between railroad workers and operating officials, appointed by the President, would solve all the present difficulties over working conditions, he said; would command unqualified support of the hour brotherhoods; and, despite the fact that it would be evenly divided, he predicted that there would be no deadlocks or wars.

Mr. Lee appeared primarily to oppose the Adamson bill to compel 90 days' notice of a strike, or lockout. Under such a plan as he proposed, Mr. Lee said, both sides would get justice and there would be no necessity for the Adamson bill now before the committee or any other legislation relating to hours or wages.

In an effort to clear the legislative calendar of administration measures before the next house with questionable political status comes into power, President Wilson conferred at the capitol today with the senate steering committee.

For two hours he went over the program he outlined in his opening address to congress last December, laying particular stress on the railroad labor measures. He said that he still desired passage of the whole program before March 4 if possible.

In addition to revenue legislation, the President also urged action on a corrupt practice bill, the Webb bill to permit domestic corporations to maintain collective selling agencies, water power and mineral land leasing measures, and the Porto Rican citizenship bill.

Although there was no suggestion of an extra session in case the President's program cannot be completed by March 4, Senator Kern declared that the thought in the minds of all was that it would be much less difficult to enact the measures to which the Democratic party has been committed at this session than in the next congress.

## DOGS HERE TO BE RESTRAINED WITH MUZZLES

Bridgeport and Westport Affected by Commissioner Phelps' Order.

An order from Jeffrey O. Phelps, Jr., commissioner of domestic animals at Hartford, that all dogs in Bridgeport be muzzled for three months, was received at the town clerk's office today. The order was in response to a recommendation made by Health Officer W. H. Brown, as three persons have been bitten here recently by a rabid dog.

The commissioner also orders the dog warden to kill any rabid dog at once if it can be captured, and to kill "mercifully" all dogs or other animals bitten by the rabid dog.

The order requires that all dogs allowed to go at large wear wire muzzles for three months from Jan. 24. Even dogs on a leash must be muzzled, and the warden may catch and kill any dog at large without a muzzle or take and kill any unmuzzled dog taken on a leash.

Dog Warden Hall receives fees for all stray dogs he catches and destroys. Last month he received \$278 for his services. The order of Commissioner Phelps is the latest slaughter of unmuzzled dogs probably will take place and in order to do the work in three months the dog warden will hire assistants.

During the last three days, Stephen Toth, John Singola and a six year old son of the latter, have been bitten by a rabid dog. The trio live in Ridge avenue. They are now taking the Pasteur treatment. It will entail considerable expense on the city for the treatment of persons bitten by rabid dogs. Several weeks ago residents of towns in the northern section of the state were alarmed by the number of rabid dogs which ran at large and many persons were bitten.

A similar order was received at the town clerk's office in Westport.

## Park City Red Men Merry in New Haven

Bridgeport talent from the Improved Order of Red Men made things gay in New Haven last night where the nineteenth annual banquet of the Ansanawase tribe was held at the Oneco hotel.

Among the large delegation of Red Men who went from this city were Messrs. Holt, Lush, Torndoff and Pen-ton, who sang frequently. Frank Brattwaite, who offered parodies on George Raft and Jack Hill and Past Sachem Charles Roder.

At the conclusion of the affair thanks was extended to the Bridgeport aggregation who had aided materially in enlivenment of the evening.

## "Clocking" Workmen Prevalent in State Says Organizer Duffy

The use of "clocking" devices, to abolish which a bill was introduced yesterday in the House at Hartford, is prevalent in Connecticut, according to F. F. Duffy, organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

Organized Duffy declared that an attempt was made to introduce the system in the Watertown arsenal, but a strike followed and the system was forbidden.

# BRITISH CRUISERS SEEK RAIDER'S SUPPLY SHIPS; ALL AMERICANS RESCUED

## LANDLORD LOSES SUIT OVER RENT AT HOME TRIAL

Tenant Who Kept Key a Few Days After Leaving Not Liable for Month.

A partial check was placed upon the tendency of landlords to boost rents and to enforce payment for "overtime" occupancy where the only question is the surrender of a key, by a decision of Justice of the Peace Richard S. Swain, today.

Justice Swain rendered decision in favor of the defendant with power to collect costs in the case of Brill vs. Martin which has attracted wide attention on the East Side.

A side issue of considerable interest to Bridgeport legal fraternity was the sitting of the court in the home of August M. Brill, court interpreter and real estate owner, at 166 Brooks street.

Mr. Brill, it is learned, has been ill for a considerable period of time and because of his inability to attend the hearings the court convened at his home.

Evidence presented at the trial disclosed that Arthur Martin resided in a Stratford house, owned by Gusie Brill, wife of Augustus Brill, which had been rented on a monthly basis. From a rental of \$18 the monthly payment was raised to \$25, which the tenants refused to pay, but they were willing to compromise for one month at \$21.50.

At the expiration of the month, Saturday, Sept. 30, the Martin family moved everything from the house and telephonic notification was served on Brill. It was alleged that the key was then offered to Brill who said that it might be returned on the following Monday or Tuesday.

Although evidence was presented to the effect that the key was returned as agreed and that the house was subsequently occupied, suit for recovery of an additional month's rent was instituted and money of the defendant attached.

The defense of the suit was bitter and many witnesses were introduced, with the result that the contentions of the plaintiff were overruled and decision rendered for the defendant with costs.

## John C. Chamberlain Ill With Grip Attack; Hearing Is Postponed

John C. Chamberlain, the well known attorney, is severely ill with grip at his home, 105 Washington avenue.

As a result of his illness the attending physician has declared that it will be impossible for Mr. Chamberlain to attend to his business affairs for at least a week, if not longer.

Because of the circumstances great regret was heard throughout legal quarters in Bridgeport this morning and counsel appearing in the Burr & Knapp bankruptcy hearings before Referee Carleton J. Hoadley immediately procured indefinite postponement of testimony taking.

The condition of Mr. Chamberlain on the witness stand Tuesday was such that a breakdown was feared and early adjournment of the proceedings taken. They were to have been resumed at noon today with a host of witnesses including Herbert M. Knapp, the convicted banker, and many reputable business men.

## Relative Comes to Aid Halliday

The city court was well filled this morning with an expectant audience who had gathered to listen to the testimony in the case of William A. Halliday, who was scheduled to be given a hearing on a charge of intent to kill his partner in real estate operations, Francis Romero.

As a result of an agreement between Assistant Prosecutor Earle Garlick and Halliday's counsel, Charles H. Shapiro, the case was again continued by Judge Frederic Bartlett until Jan. 27. It was stated that Edward Jordan, of Boston, a relative of Halliday, had just arrived in this city and would assist Halliday in every way possible to gain his liberty.

Jordan it is understood wants to confer with Halliday and assist him and his lawyer in planning his defense.

## Self Defense Likely To Be Plea in Case of East Side Killing

Testimony given before Coroner Phelan leads to the belief that a plan of self-defense may be made in the case of Gaetano Napolitano, who shot Lorenzo Cristino in a Hallett street dispute last Saturday night.

Witnesses before the coroner have testified that Napolitano had been led out of the saloon where the argument started and was in the street when Cristino's brother, Felix, attacked him with a knife. One bystander said he saw this man brandish the knife at Napolitano and miss him. Then Lorenzo Cristino and his brother advanced toward Napolitano, who continued to back away. When the men were close to him he fired the shot, which killed Lorenzo.

At today's hearing Lena Petrucci of 57 Hallett street and Augustino Cardinali, who also lives in the neighborhood, were witnesses. Cardinali is the man over whom the dispute started. He was in the saloon when he claimed he didn't have 10 cents. Somebody accused him of having \$2 but he insisted he didn't have a cent. He said he remained in the saloon and didn't go out until he heard the shot.

The coroner has continued the hearing until Monday.

FRENCH FRONT CALM.

Paris, Jan. 19.—There was no change in the situation on the French front last night, today's official announcement says.

## GERMANY DROPS VOPICKA CHARGE ON EXPLANATION

Minister, Now in Berlin Likely to Be Given Leave of Absence.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Germany has withdrawn her charge of unneutral conduct against Minister Vopicka, accredited to Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria, it was announced today at the state department. An explanation of the facts in the case proved satisfactory to Germany.

It is probable that Minister Vopicka, now in Berlin, will be granted leave of absence, which he requested many months ago and to which he is entitled, in order to avoid any embarrassment in sending him on to his post as the Rumanian capital in Jassy, just after gaining considerable military information in his trip through the Central empires.

The removal of Minister Vopicka from Bucharest was explained by Germany to have had nothing to do with the previous charges of unneutral conduct, but to have been occasioned by the insistence of the military authorities that all neutral diplomats be withdrawn. This is in accordance with international law. All other neutrals have left except the Persian minister, who is to go soon.

## THREATENED TO CUT HEART FROM BOSOM OF WIFE

Husband of Woman Book Agent Is Divorced for His Cruelty to Her.

Elsie M. Flaherty, a large lady with Titian locks who said she earned her living as a book agent, was granted a divorce from Joseph W. Flaherty this morning after she told her story to Judge Bennett in the superior court. Intolerable cruelty was the ground.

The plaintiff said Flaherty wouldn't work and that he abused and struck her. Once he threatened to cut her heart out and shoot her, she alleged. When she remonstrated with Flaherty about his reluctance to work it was his custom to strike her, the plaintiff said. One witness, who had been a boarder in a Broad street house where the Flahertys lived, said he helped drag Flaherty away one night after the husband attacked Mrs. Flaherty. The couple were married in Logansport, Ind., in 1907.

The court also granted a decree to Hulda Behm of this city, who accused Orrin Behm of cruelty. Behm was arrested in this city for passing bad checks. Since then the plaintiff said she hadn't heard where Behm had gone. The young wife said Behm found fault with her for trivial cause and often struck her. He often choked her because she refused to give him money she earned. The Behms were married August 4, 1914. Mrs. Behm's maiden name was Hulda Anderson.

## Church Refuses to Compromise on Carr License Remonstrance

Failure on the part of Tom Carr to reach an agreement with officials of Trinity Episcopal church indicates that the remonstrance brought against the Cannon street cabaret proprietor will be fought to a finish by the church, which adjourns Carr's place. The county commissioners today assigned Jan. 26 as a date for a hearing.

It was last November that the remonstrance was filed. Since that time it is reported that Carr or his representatives have conferred with the church officials and offered to make concessions which would remove the features to which the church objected. Offers of compromise have apparently been declined.

The remonstrance is filed on the ground that the location is unsuitable because it is too near the church. Testimony will be offered to show that noises from the cabaret have reached those who attended church.

## Big Improvements Made in Tenements

Improvements in tenement houses that will total about \$10,000 in cost have been effected through the health department since July, according to the report of C. Howard Dunbar, the chief sanitary inspector.

The records show that 771 cases have resulted in complete compliance with the recommendations of the department. The West End cases have been virtually "cleaned up."

## Believed That Sea Rover Which Has Destroyed Many Allied Merchantmen in South Atlantic Has Been Receiving Aid From Vessels From Nearby Ports—United States Consul Reports That All Americans on Vessels Sunk By Raider Have Been Accounted for—Some Ships Still Missing.

New York, Jan. 19.—Notwithstanding the known activity of British warships, 11 of which are hurrying from many directions into South Atlantic waters in search of the German commerce destroyer that sank the Voltaire, Georgic and other Entente vessels, increased apprehension was felt in marine circles today because of credence which has been placed in overnight reports, that the black raider, believed to be the famous Moewe, is not operating unassisted.

According to these reports, this fugitive raider carried several sets of armament and has furnished guns to at least two of her captive ships, the St. Theodore and the Yarrowdale, which in turn began preying on commerce.

The Yarrowdale, British, is reported to have arrived at the Cape Verde islands, with the crews of eight of the ships that were sunk. Her early departure on a raiding mission would cause no surprise among shippers.

Reports as yet unconfirmed place the present whereabouts of the Moewe a considerable distance to the north of the Ireland-to-Brazil sea lanes, where her havoc was accomplished. Meanwhile the Entente war vessels, besides hunting for raiders, are keeping close watch on several merchant vessels suspected of supplying the Moewe and her allies with food and of assisting them in other ways. As a precaution against an illegal use of Brazilian territory as a base of operations for the German ships, a portion of the Brazilian navy is maneuvering off that coast.

## TEUTONS ASSAIL OGNA, IMPORTANT MOLDAVIAN TOWN

Heavy Bombardment Against Strategic Point on Eastern Front.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—The capture of two German field posts in the Baranivichi region on the Russian front and the failure of an attack by the Germans near Zborov, east of Lemberg, in Galicia, are reported in today's war office statement.

The town of Ochna, on the railroad line that virtually parallels a considerable section of the front along the Moldavian southwest frontier, has been under bombardment by the Teutonic heavy artillery, the war office announced.

## RUSSIANS REPULSED.

Berlin, Jan. 19, by wireless to Sayville.—The Russians made attacks yesterday on German positions along the northern Rumanian front, north of the Suchilze valley. According to today's official announcement these attacks failed with heavy losses.

"Our patrols carried out successful enterprises at several places," says today's official report from the Franco-Belgian front.

## U-Boat Fires Fifty Shots at Freighter

Portland, Me., Jan. 19.—Officers of the British steamer Palm Branch, which arrived here yesterday from Cardiff via New York, reported today that a submarine fired 50 shots at the vessel while in the English channel early in November. Ten or 12 shots took effect, they said, one passing entirely through the ship above the water line. The steamer escaped by suddenly changing her course. A boy was struck and slightly injured.

The Palm Branch returned to Cardiff for repairs and the officers said they learned the submarine later was captured or sunk.

## RUSSIANS TAKE HALF A MILLION OF FOE IN YEAR

London, Jan. 19.—More than 428,000 officers and men were taken prisoners by the Russians during the last year, and 525 guns were captured, according to a Central News despatch from Petrograd today. The journal closes its review of the war operations during the year with the following approximate figures of men and booty taken:

Officers 8,770 men, 428,000; guns, 525; machine guns, 1,661; trench mortars and mine throwers 421.

More than 80 per cent of the foregoing was yielded by the operations of Gen. Brusiloff.